

Preliminary Amendment – Hirota

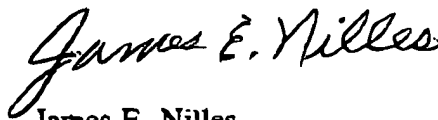
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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 have been canceled, claims 10-17 have been added and claims 10-17 are pending in this application. No new matter has been added and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this Amendment or any other communication from Deposit Account No. 14-1080.

Respectfully submitted,



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